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Former Ottawa Official Sentenced He gets 3 years in prison in federal case

January 11, 2006

By PATRICK SULLIVAN
Record-Eagle staff writer

MANISTEE - The former chief financial officer of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians was sentenced to three years in federal prison after being convicted in a scheme to pilfer more than a half million dollars from the tribe.

Daniel Broton, 45, of Hesperia, was also ordered Tuesday to pay \$508,000 in restitution, assistant United States Attorney Michael MacDonald said.

From 2000 until Broton left his job with the tribe in 2002, Broton and Muskegon car wash owner Daniel Heller orchestrated a complex scheme to funnel money from the tribe, according to the indictment against Broton.

The tribe was constructing a \$72 million casino at the time. Broton

pleaded guilty in October to conspiracy, wire fraud, money laundering and conversion of assets and Heller later pleaded guilty. Heller is scheduled to be sentenced in March.

Neither defendant was a member of the tribe.

Lee Sprague, the tribal ogema, or leader, said Broton could not explain why he thought he could get away with the theft.

"He said, 'Your honor, I can't answer that question right now,'" Sprague said. He said Broton told the judge he was in therapy to figure that out.

Sprague said Broton's actions forced the tribe to repeat audits back to 1997, a project that is still ongoing.

He said because the tribe's audits aren't current, the federal government has sanctioned the tribe.

The tribe does not have to pay a

penalty as a result, Sprague said, but federal money coming to the tribe is released monthly rather than in a lump sum.

"The after-effects of his practices are causing internal strife and people are looking for scapegoats, basically," Sprague said. "When you look at the whole of what has happened as a result of his actions, it's well beyond \$500,000."

Broton was granted a voluntary surrender bond and will have to turn himself in at a time determined by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, probably within 30 days, MacDonald said.

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Editor's note: an expanded report on the audit situation, views and opinions will appear in the March issue of the Little River Currents.

TAX OFFICE - Tribe to start collecting tax! LRBOI begins enforcement of taxing ability

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will begin collecting certain taxes at the Little River Casino on February 1st, 2006. This marks yet another step in tribal development as a sovereign nation and autonomy as a people.

The adoption of a recent tax ordinance represents a big accomplishment for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. By collecting our own taxes on business activity within our territorial jurisdiction, we are further exercising our right as a sovereign government. At the same time, we are collecting revenue that the Tribe can use to provide regulation of the hotel, food, beverage, and entertainment industry and to promote tourism and provide for business development on the Reservation. Revenues may also be used to provide for training in business development and management for Tribal members.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians enacted Tribal Taxes through Ordinance #05-100-08 also known as the Tax and Revenue Administration Ordinance at the end of 2005. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the raising of additional public revenues by prescribing certain taxes, fees and charges to be paid to the Tribe on certain business activities within the territorial jurisdiction of the Tribe. The complete ordinance can be found on the website at www.lrboi.com.

Ordinance #05-100-09, Enforcement of the Tribal-State Tax Agreement, can also be accessed at the website.

The Tribal Taxes that are being collected within the territorial jurisdiction of the Tribe include:

- Lodging & Occupancy Tax – 6%
- Food & Beverage Tax – 6%
- Retail Sales Tax – 6%
- Admissions Tax – 6%

An exemption is allowed from the "Retail Sales Tax" on sales to resident Tribal members. The Tribal Ogema has recommended, and the Tribal Council has passed, a resolution authorizing an equivalent discount on sales to non-resident Tribal members at the Odawa Gift Shop. The Tribe will pay the Retail Sales Tax on behalf of non-resident Tribal members at the Odawa Gift Shop location only. Tribal members are not exempt from the Lodging & Occupancy Tax, the Food & Beverage Tax, or the Admissions tax with one exception. Tribal elders are exempt from the Admissions Tax. However, their tickets must be purchased at the Odawa Gift Shop to make their exemption claim.

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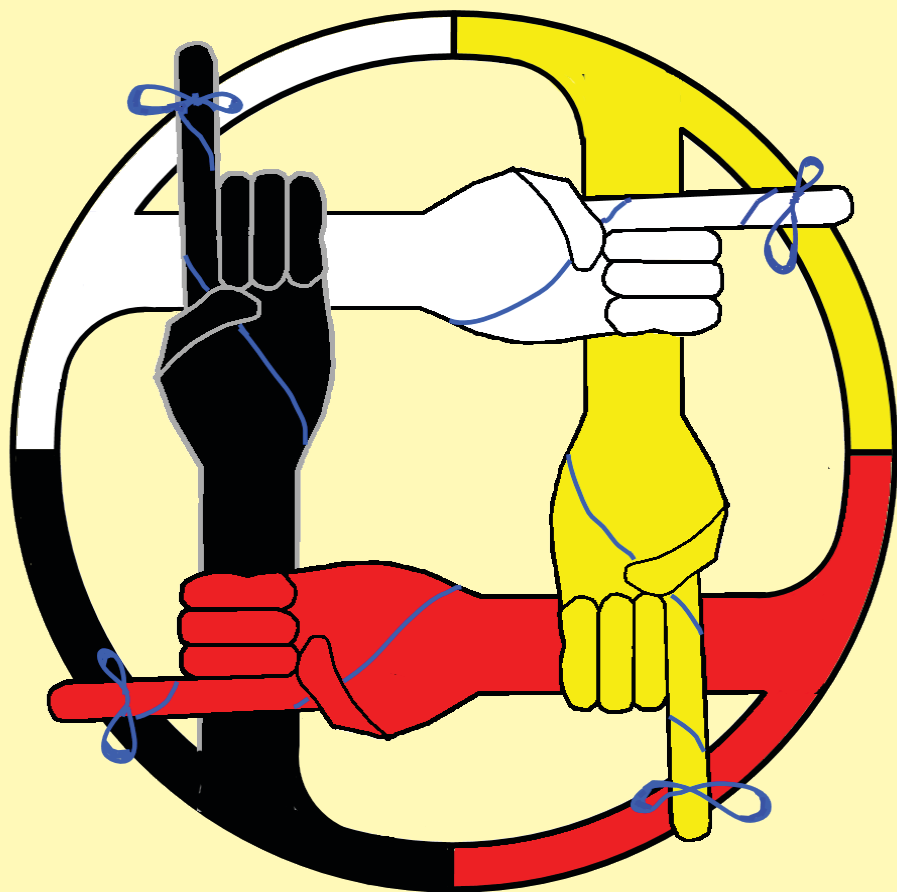
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If you are an elder or know of an elder that can contribute to this project drop me a line.

Historic Preservation
c/o Mack Brushman
Audio Visual Production Technician
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Manistee MI, 49660

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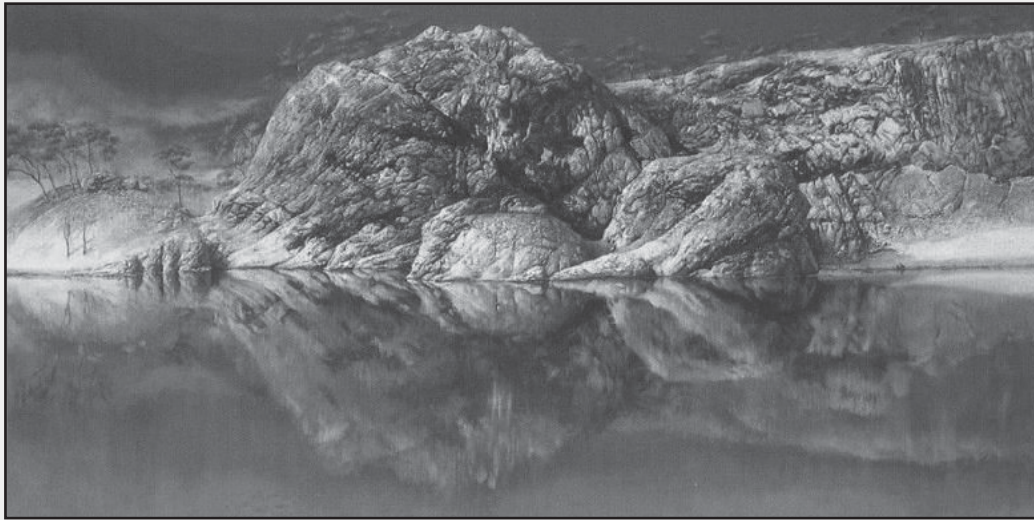
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WE DO NOT ALWAYS HAVE READY, EASY ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION, IT COULD SPEED THINGS UP FOR YOU IF YOU INCLUDE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION IN ALL INTERACTIONS WITH THE TRIBE

PLEASE ALSO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR UPDATED ADDRESS IS ON FILE WITH ENROLLMENT.

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Do you have a story you would like to share with your friends and family through the *Little River Currents*?



We are always looking for interesting, informational, historical, or simply anecdotal stories to publish.

Please call Emily Drouin
at 231-398-6864 or toll free 1-888-723-8288
You can also e-mail me at edrouin@lrboi.com

New... Letters to the Editor

Dear Members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians:

Recently comments have been coming into the Public Information Department that the Tribal Membership would like to see a "Letters to the Editor" section in the Little River Currents. This desire has been confirmed in recent meetings with Elders and others whose opinion we respect and honor.

Beginning with the March edition of the newspaper, we will be starting a section devoted to nothing but your opinions, comments, suggestions and questions. In other words, your letters.

Because we are somewhat limited in space and because we desire to avoid behavior which is offensive to our readers, we are establishing the following guidelines. These guidelines have been reviewed by our elected officials and other respected members of our tribe and are presented to you for your guidance. Please work with us on following these guidelines and we promise that we will give you a voice.

We look forward to reading your...Letters to the Editor!

Chi-Miigwetch!
Glenn Zaring
Public Information Director

HERE ARE THE RULES:

- Maximum of 200 words
- Name and address (City/State) of person submitting letters will be required. This will be printed with the letter.
- Phone contact number and/or e-mail address must be included with all submissions. This information will not be printed but is for departmental follow-up if there is any question concerning the submitted letter (spelling of names etc.)
- Maximum of 10 letters per issue (this will take up to approximately 2 pages in the paper). The letters will be taken in the order received (as date/time stamped by my assistant). Letters in excess of allowed maximum (10) will be run in the following issue, if you indicate that you wish us to run it in the next available issue.
- Letters have to be in our (departmental) hands on the first business day of each month to appear in the next issue. (This coincides with the normal submission time guidelines)
- Letters will not be edited for content by myself or my staff, but will be run "as submitted."
- Original submissions (letters or e-mail) will be filed in the Public Information Office for a period of three months. After which time they will be shredded and/or deleted.
- Curse words or other words which the general reading public would find to be objectionable will not be allowed to be printed. If letters are submitted with such language, the writer will be contacted

by the Public Information Department staff one time with a request for alternate wording. If no changes are offered by the writer, the letter will not appear in the paper.

·Letters that are deemed to be inflammatory, libelous or slanderous will be submitted to an editorial panel of Tribal Members for determination as to the advisability of printing such letters in the newspaper. The identity of the author of the letter will be kept from the panel to insure impartiality. This panel will then decide (in an up or down vote) whether the letter will appear. If the decision of the board is that the letter not be printed, a letter outlining the reasons for the rejection will be written to the author of the letter, thus giving them the opportunity to write a new letter expressing their opinions and observations.

·Tribal Members, Spouses, Descendents and Employees are the only persons from whom Letters to the Editor will be accepted.

·Above individuals will be given the opportunity to run two (2) letters per calendar year.

·Address your letters to: Attention: Public Information Department, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660. If you wish to fax them in, you may do so to 231.723.8020 and if you wish to e-mail them, send them to currents@lrboi.com

EDITORIAL

Dbwewin...Nbwaakawin Truth and Wisdom

Before a recent late December Tribal Council session I was personally, publicly assaulted by a Tribal member who took me to task for writing an article (January edition) concerning the Bureau of Indian Affairs sanctions recently levied on our tribe. This person accused me of 'spinning' the information to make it sound like the sanctions were actually a good thing. This member and a handful of others in our tribe, have also accused me personally and my staff over the last year of just writing what will make Ogema Lee Sprague 'look good.' They have said, in essence, that we are lying when we write these articles and that we are just a 'mouthpiece' for the Office of the Ogema.

Personally, I find this type of accusation to be very distressing as it falsely calls into question the honesty and integrity of myself and my small staff. What I also find distressing (as should you) is that these types of accusations are never challenged or honestly examined. They are just made, like many comments, in a public forum or during Public Comment time and given credence merely because they are said by a Tribal Member.

In the case of the BIA sanctions, the above-mentioned accuser did not attend the meetings with the BIA representatives to actually hear what they told four Council members who were available; the Finance Department and the Management Team. Nor did it matter to this person that the only people to have actual input on the correctness of the article were the two BIA officials named in the article. The article that was printed was reviewed and approved by these BIA officials...alone! The Ogema was not even given the opportunity to approve the article but was merely provided with a written copy so that he would know what was going to be printed.

The above-mentioned accuser in this case seems to be ignoring these facts because they don't support his personal agenda and he would rather make emotional appeals based on hate and/or ignorance.

You, the members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, deserve better.

This issue is being brought to your attention because it important for you to know that the Little River Currents articles and content are not reviewed by either the Office of the Ogema, the Tribal Council or the Tribal Court for 'permission' to be printed. Nobody tells us what we can write or what we can say. We take articles that are submitted by departments or officials and we cover events such as Elders conferences, Be-Da-Bin events, Cultural events etc. etc. You should also know that these articles are then given back to the official or event organizer for review to insure their accuracy and to insure that they and their people are accurately quoted.

This is done in an effort to keep bias out of the tribal newspaper and to provide you, the Tribal Members we serve, with honest information. Our responsibility is to provide you with true information so that you can make decisions based on facts...not lies or personal agendas. We follow the teachings of our tribe and the Seven Grandfathers and will continue to honor them. We owe this to you and will continue to operate in a spirit of Dbwewin - Truth.

Chi-Miigwetch
Glenn C. Zaring

Help For Muskegon Members

In an eagerly awaited move, Family Services has opened its doors to provide assistance to the Tribal community in Muskegon, Michigan. Early in January, Director Bill Memberto announced the opening of the new office at 1465 Apple Ave. The phone number for the new office is 231.777.1390. Members can also always use the toll-free number, 888.723.8288 to reach the department staff or case workers.

This Muskegon office will be staffed three days a week at this time. Current plans are for the office to be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Upon visiting the office, Tribal members will find case workers from the department on site to assist them with a myriad array of programs.

Director Memberto talked about the case workers in Family Services and how they are moving from specialization to general services. This move is to improve overall ability to help the largest number of our people. Here are some of the services that will be available in the Muskegon office:

- Family Violence Services
- Indian Child Welfare (ICWA)
- Elders Services
- General Practical Services
- Information and referrals to both Tribal and other Human Services Agencies.

At this point in time, three case workers will be rotating on days in the Muskegon office. They include Aldeanna Kelsey, Sherilyn Hunt and Roma Battice.

Commodity Department

Letter from the United States Department of Agriculture : Food and Nutrition Service : Midwest Region

MW S&CHP: FDPIR 1 – Little River Band
Untied States Department of Agriculture : Food and Nutrition Service : Midwest Region
77 W. Jackson Blvd. 20th. Floor Chicago, Il. 60604-3511

Lee Sprague, Tribal Chairman
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
375 River Street
Manistee, Michigan 49660

Dear Mr. Sprague:

This is to inform you of an amendment to your Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) administrative budget approval dated September 20, 2005.

On November 10, 2005, President Bush signed Public Law No: 109-97 which establishes FY 2006 funding for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. As a result of the above, your 2006 Federal administrative funding grant has been increased in the amount of \$ 925.00 . This total reflects your Tribe’s fair share of the Midwest Region’s available FDPIR administrative allocation, based proportionately on your program’s participation (.9%) to that of Midwest Region as a whole . We have adjusted your FY 2006 budget to reflect an increase of this amount and to date, the total Federal funds available for FY 2006 administrative operations is \$ 48,284.00.

We are extremely pleased to make these funds available to assist in supporting allowable operation cost (salary, gasoline, utilities, ect.) However, please note that at this time the FY 2007 funding level has not yet been determined, and adjustments to line-items should be made with this in mind.

We appreciate your continued efforts in the success of the FDPIR, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joe Templin of my staff at (312) 353-1900.

Sincerely,
Liza Cowden, Section Chief
School & Community Nutrition Section
Special Nutrition Programs

CC: Yvonne Theodore, Director, FDPIR, Manistee, MI. (email)

From January through December 2005
the food distribution program served 396 households,
and 1055 household participants.

For more information call :
1-888-723-8288
or
1-231-398-7615
or
1-231-398-6716

Ask for Yvonne Theodore or George Lawrence or Laurie
Jackson
office hours are 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M

Recipe: Stuffed Cabbage Rolls

1 ½ lbs. ground beef
1 cup cooked rice
¼ cup each chopped onion and bell peppers
2 cloves garlic peeled and minced
8 large cabbage leaves blanched
2 cans diced tomatoes
Combine beef, rice, onions, pepper, garlic. Di-
vide among cabbage leaves. Roll and place in
buttered 9x13 baking dish, seam side down.
Pour tomatoes over cabbage rolls. Cover
with foil; bake at 350 deg. For 1 hour.

Picnic Kidney Bean Salad

1 can light red kidney beans rinsed and
drained
½ small onion thinly sliced
½ cup coarsely chopped cucumber
¼ cup ranch salad dressing
¼ teaspoon dill weed
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 medium tomato seeded and coarsely
chopped
Shredder Parmesan Cheese

In a bowl combine onion, cucumber, salad
dressing, dill weed, salt and pepper ; stir to
combine. Refrigerate until ready to serve,
and just before serving stir in tomatoes and
sprinkle with cheese.

Guideline Eligibility Chart

**Food Distribution Program monthly income
guidelines from the USDA .**

**Food Distribution Program on Indian
Reservations net monthly
income standards for the the Contiguous
United States**

(Effective October 1st. 2005)

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$932.00
2	\$1,204.00
3	\$1,475.00
4	\$1,747.00
5	\$2,042.00
6	\$2,335.00
7	\$2,607.00
8	\$2,879.00
Each additional member + \$ 272.00	

*Yvonne Theodore would like to give a
Big Thanks! to John Shepard and Bri-
an Moore for coming in for 4 hours on
January 2, 2006 on there holiday. They
helped the Food Distribution Program
unload the semi truck , and put things
away.*

*Thank you So Much!
Yvonne Theodore*

Notice from the Tax Office - Tribal Business License Required

The Tax and Revenue Administration
Ordinance, Article VIII, says that any
business owned by the Tribe, Tribal
members, or the Tribe and Tribal members,
which is located within the Reservation or
within the Agreement Area shall be required
to obtain a Tribal business tax license from
the Tax Department. Registration forms
are available from the Tax office. Call
the tax officer at 231-398-6874 for more
information.

The Food Distribution Program serves 13 counties:

*Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Wexford, Osecola, Mecosta, Ottawa.
For information call: 1-888-723-8288 or 1-231-398-6715 and 1-231-398-6716 ask for Yvonne Theodore or Frances Lawrence
or Laurie Jackson. Office Hours are 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.*

A RECORD YEAR FOR GRANTS
YEAR END REPORT FOR THE TRIBAL GRANTS DEPARTMENT

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has had another successful year with securing grant funding. This is in great part due to the staff in all of the departments who have been instrumental in developing and administering grant-funded projects, as well as the continuing support from the Tribe’s elected officials.

As previously reported, the Tribe continues to achieve an impressive track record with securing federal grants and in building effective working relationships with federal agencies. Internally, we continue to build good working relationships between the Grants Department, Accounting, Legal, the various program staff and directors, the Ogema and Tribal Council.

A more coherent process for developing, approving and administering grants is evolving through a combination of policy/procedure development and training. We are looking forward to provide further training in federal grants management, cost principles and policy/compliance requirements.

As previously reported, we still need to broaden our grants funding stream beyond federal resources to include foundation and corporate grant resources. This may be facilitated by the Tribe chartering a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation to serve as a legally acceptable mechanism for accessing foundation and corporate grants. The following chart highlights the Little

River Band’s performance over the last five years with respect to grant funding. Since 2001 the Tribe has been awarded 83 grants totaling over \$22 million.

In 2005 the Tribe secured nearly \$5 million in grants, and in each year since 2001 we have increased the amount of funds generated through grants, with an average increase of over \$295,000 per year.

The chart also reveals that (on average since 2001) for every ten grants written, we have been awarded nine (9) and have been denied only one (1). This is an exceptional track record given that, in the grant writing profession, the ‘industry standard’ is to achieve one (1) approved grant out of every three (3) submitted.

Year	Grants Awarded	Grants	Grants Denied	Total \$ Awarded	\$ Change from Previous Year
2001	16		3	\$ 3,747,573	
2002	19		0	\$ 4,407,711	+ \$ 660,138
2003	13		0	\$ 4,520,551	+ \$ 112,840
2004	16		1	\$ 4,731,359	+ \$ 210,808
2005	19	7	5	\$ 4,928,846	+ \$ 197,487
Total	83	7	9	\$22,336,040	+ \$ 295,318 Average increase/yr.

The Tribe has been fortunate, but we cannot expect to maintain this rate of success over the long term. There are too many variables beyond our control and best efforts, particularly when it comes to the federal deficit and the likelihood that federal grant funding will become even more limited.

In conclusion, the staff in the Grants Department would like to thank everyone who has been a part of this effort over 2005. We believe that the Tribe’s success in securing grants is not only the product of good fortune, but moreover it reflects what can be achieved when all of the staff, the Ogema and Tribal Council cooperate and collaborate for a greater good.

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The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Utilities Department

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No Downpayment Home Loans for Eligible Tribal Members

USDA Rural Development offers no downpayment home loans to eligible tribal members. Through its “Direct Home Loan Program”, lower income tribal members can borrow directly from the USDA and get a no-downpayment, thirty-three year home loan with a fixed interest rate with no mortgage insurance required. Payment assistance is even available depending upon a member’s household income. And the “Direct Loan Program” works on or off reservation.

For middle income tribal members USDA Rural Development offers the “Guaranteed Home Loan Program”. Tribal members can get a home loan from an approved local lender such as a bank or credit union. Through the “Guaranteed Home Loan Program” tribal members get a no-downpayment, thirty-year home loan with a fixed interest rate with no mortgage insurance required. The “Guaranteed Loan Program” also works on or off reservation.

Tribal members can purchase new or existing homes and condominiums through this program. Even new manufactured homes are eligible for purchase through this program. However, tribal members must purchase their home in an area considered rural by USDA Rural Development. In Michigan, the entire Upper Peninsula is considered rural. In the Lower Peninsula, everywhere from Clare County northward is considered rural. And every county south of Clare County has parts considered rural by USDA Rural Development.

Income limits also apply to both home loan programs. For more information or to request an application contact the Traverse City USDA Rural Development office directly at 1-800-944-8119. (TDD/TTY: 1-800-649-3777) USDA Rural Development is an equal opportunity lender, provider and employer.

Housing Department Update Lots Still Available at Aki Maadizizwin

by CHUCK FISHER - HOUSING DIRECTOR

The Housing Department recently opened the applications for the Residential Lot Lease and Leasehold Mortgage Program. Actually, this occurred January 3, 2006. In total, there were fourteen (14) applications received. In terms of lot preferences, a number of conflicts were noted in the course of recording each of the applicants’ lot preferences. The received applications will be reviewed by the Housing Department and applicants can expect that the Housing Department will be in contact with them. Hopefully, the department will be able to contact each applicant by the end of January and no later than mid-February. Over the coming weeks, the Housing Department will also

contact tribal members who originally requested the program’s application packet but elected not to complete or return it for further consideration. The Housing Department was of the belief that the Residential Lot Lease and Leasehold Mortgage Program would have generated more in the way of tribal member response. As a result of the applications received, a number of lot leases remain available. Interested tribal members are encouraged to contact the Housing Department for additional information and/or an application to the program. Additionally, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council recently

approved the Access to Homeownership Initiative Act that provides the framework for four additional housing-related initiatives: 1) a down-payment assistance program; 2) a related closing cost assistance program; 3) a refinancing incentive program, and 4) a homeownership education program. The Housing Department is currently in the process of developing the related policies and procedures as well as the operational infrastructure to successfully bring these programs to the membership nationally. More information related to the Access to Homeownership Initiative Act will be provided in the next issue of the newsletter.

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Day-time Phone #:_____

_____ Birthday/Belated Birthday

_____ Birth Announcement

_____ Other _____

_____ Anniversary/Wedding

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Clans



Painting by Kirby Sattler

The information in this article is only a small portion of the many and extensive Native Teachings that exist. Teachings vary from First Nation to First Nation and even from one geographic region to another. For more information, please consult with a Traditional Elder, Healer or Medicine Person.

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Clans

In our culture the oral tradition is important. We learn and are taught through stories. An Anishinawbe teaching on the clan system is an example of this...

A long time ago, before humans inhabited this world, it is said that the clans were already here. Before the humans arrived, the animals, fish and birds were told by the Creator that humans were coming and that these humans wouldn't have anything and would be pitiful. So each of the animals, fish and birds said, "We will sacrifice ourselves as food so they won't starve and we will supply them with our skins so will be warm. We will teach them what medicines and ceremonies to use to heal themselves.

These clans are still with Native people today.

Your clan is with you from the day you are born. It is said that your clan walks with you and looks after you. Your clan takes care of you so that you don't have to go through life without help and protection. The spirit of your clan is for

you to use because you are a member of that clan; you always offer tobacco when you ask your clan for help.

The Mohawks' family-oriented culture is based on the clan structure. Within the clan structure of the Six Nations, the clan is passed on through the women. Among the Anishinawbe, the children of the family are of their father's clan.

The clans of a Nation are often the animals and other creatures that inhabit the region. In the Great Lakes area, the wolf, bear, turtle and deer are common clans. The Anishinawbe say that their clans may be almost any animal, bird or fish. Some of the clans of the Six Nations are the Turtle, Bear, Wolf, Rock, Snipe, Pipe of Peace and the Heron.

Within a clan there may be many different types of an animal, bird or fish. For example, the turtle clan includes different types of turtles, such as snapping turtles and painted turtles.

Each clan has its own duties and responsibilities. You can consult the elder clan members for the teachings of your clans.

Among the Anishinawbe, the Crane clan, for example, is involved in leadership and the sharing of knowledge, particularly the teachings. Their role is one of leadership because the cranes were instrumental in establishing the clan system for the Anishinawbe. It is said that

the cranes have a loud voice that can be heard for miles. When the crane gives a teaching, it can be heard far away in other parts of the world; people listen and learn when a crane teaches.

The Eagle can represent the family unit; both parents protect and bring food to the eaglets. The eagle also teaches about respect, hunting, being a warrior and being in balance with the environment. The Bear clan are like the guardians of the communities. They are also the protectors and carriers of the medicines.

Learning Your Clan

If knowledge of your clan is lost to your family and if your search through family, church, treaty, band or school records does not reveal this information, you can offer tobacco and make the request to know what your clan is to a spiritual person who has the ability to find out what clan is watching over you.

Honoring Your Clan

To honor your clan is to be a brother, uncle, sister or aunt to all the people who are of your clan. When you meet someone of your clan who is younger than you, they are considered to be your nephew or niece. When you meet someone of your clan who is the same age, they are considered to be your brother or sister. It is your responsibility to take care of the relatives of your clan. When a clan member visits your community, you ensure that this person is taken care of. When you do this, you bring honor to your clan and yourself.

Depending on what clan you belong to, you may feast your clan monthly; once or twice a year; or four times a year at the change of the seasons. Many people will make their food and tobacco offering to their clan by leaving the offering outside on the ground or in the water. For example, a member of the Bullhead Fish clan puts their offering of tobacco and food on a raft, which is sent onto the lake. In some communities all the members of a clan may gather to feast their clan and to hold clan ceremonies.

Many people put out a food offering for their clan in the

fall, to give their clan strength and energy to survive the winter and in the spring to revitalize their clan's spirit after a hard winter.

Some Bear clan people feed their clan when the bear is going into hibernation and again in the spring when the cubs are born. They might leave a food offering of strawberries, raspberries, salmon and other types of meats and berries a bear would like. Generally, a food offering will consist of any food your clan would eat.

Members of the Bullhead Fish clan, the boss of all fish clans, feed the clan when the ice comes in and goes out.

In the past, clans were painted on warrior shields encircle with medicine bundles. Today clan markers, items which represent your clan such as antlers, skins, skulls a painting or carving of the clan, may be hung in a respectful manner.

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As our awareness and knowledge of our traditions and culture increases, so does our honor and respect for these ways. This has not always been the case in our communities. There are always those who present themselves as Healers, Elders or Medicine People who have not earned that title and may use the Teachings and medicines in the wrong way. It is important for everyone, especially young people, to be aware of this and to exercise caution when they seek healing, Teachings or advice. It is advisable to consult with people whom you trust to get referrals to respected and recognized Traditional Elders, Healers, or Medicine People.

This information along with other teachings published in the "Currents" is made possible by "Anishinawbe Health Toronto".

For more information on these teachings and the program, you can contact Dewayne Boyer by phone at 416-360-0486



Memories from the Past...

Article by Marcella Moore Leusby

Ma is calling out “Daylight in the swamp!” and it wakes me up. As I lay in bed rubbing my eyes I can see that it is going to be another beautiful summer day. I hear the birds calling to each other in the woods and a light breeze is making the trees sway and the leaves chime. My two sisters, Christine and Joyce are still sleeping. Our two cousins, John and Dick are also still sleeping. I hurry up and get dressed so I can be the first one downstairs. I know whoever gets up first gets to go after Grandma’s water.

Water is gotten from a stream that meanders down below the hill by the house. On top of the hill is a hand cranked mechanism with a wire and bucket that connects with a pole at the bottom. When you crank it forward the wire carries the bucket down into the creek. Then when you crank it backward it carries the bucket of water up to you. We kids think its fun to get water this way.

After a breakfast of pancakes and sugar we run outside to play. Uncle Gus walks in with a big snapping turtle for Grandma and Ma to clean. I’ve always been a little frightened of Uncle Gus because he is so big and brawny. After Ma and Grandma clean the turtle on the washboard outside they give us the eggs to play with. We decide to have an egg fight so we chose up sides. Johnny and Joyce are on one



side, Dickey, Christine and I are on the other side. The fight is going strong until Dickey throws an egg and it splatters on Johnny’s shoe. Johnny’s face screws up and he begins to cry. We all start laughing because he looks so funny.

Memories are like pictures of the mind. Every summer Ma took us to spend time with Grandma Pete at Pleasant Valley. Grandma was a little midget of a woman who always had a treat for us. John and Dick Ledford were cousins whose dad, Gerald, worked as a janitor and piano player in Detroit. Unable to care for the boys he sent them to live with Grandma. Pleasant Valley was 40 acres of land with a tar-papered house on it. The property and house was just off Bailey Road at Indian Village. My mother, Alice Pete, owned the property but Grandma and the

boys lived there. Ma sold the property in the sixties and Grandma and the boys moved to Star Corners.

At Pleasant Valley I came to value our family because Ma’s relatives came to visit us. There was always laughter and good times when they came to see us. It was at Pleasant Valley I learned to watch and listen from the marvels of nature and to admire Grandma Earth. Grandma Pete always said you could learn a lot from watching bugs work. They worked hard, got the job done and had respect for their family members.

I can still hear Dickey laughing and Johnny crying- even now after all these years it’s funny! We had wonderful times at Pleasant Valley because there was always something to do, from building forts in the woods to walking up the road to get Grandma’s mail or just having a water fight.

In every heart and mind there is a corner that hides wonderful recollections of times gone by. If I close my eyes and daydream I can see myself back at Pleasant Valley playing as a child and learning life’s ways. I can still hear the breeze in the trees, birds singing and the smell of wood smoke from Grandma’s cookstove.

Remembering the Past....

Submitted by Valerie Chandler, Tribal Historic Preservation Coordinator

“Manistee Indian, Pacotushk Sam, Claims to be 116 Years Old, a Record for Michigan”

By Ben L. Taylor

(Re-printed from the Manistee News Advocate, July 10, 1928) *

Born in Grand Haven in 1812; Came Here When There was But One Saw Mill; His Youngest Son Now a Great-Grandfather.

Pacotushk Sam, venerable survivor of the Chippewa tribe which once owned Western Michigan, is living his last tottering, white-haired days in a squalid shack overlooking the valley of the Manistee river about three miles from Brethren. He sees not the splendors of sunrise on the bayous and he hears not the quacking of wild ducks in the marshes 100 yards from his log cabin, for he is blind and his hearing is impaired.

Pacotushk just sits in the shade, chews his tobacco, waiting with the stoicism of the true Indian for the end, and gaining little satisfaction from the knowledge that he is the oldest man in Michigan.

One hundred sixteen summers ago Pacotushk was born in a little settlement at the mouth of Grand River. That settlement now is known as Grand Haven, a thriving lake-port city. Pacotushk doesn’t remember much about his boyhood in Ottawa county, except that he hunted and fished as other Indian boys did or played with children of the village in the bayous and along the shore of Lake Michigan, the Great Water.

Came to Manistee—

Pacotushk passed 20 summers near the place of his birth before he found an Indian maiden to his liking. Then he married. Five children were born to them before Pacotushk decided to move farther north, where fewer whites had intruded upon the sylvan haunts of the Chippewa and where trapping was better.

Manistee had but one saw mill when Pacotushk followed the dunes along the old Chippewa trail to the river “Spirit of the Woods”, which is the Big Manistee. That was soon after John Stronach and his two sons had built their steam mill near the spot where Father Marquette formerly had his mission.

A check on Pacotushk’s age is given by this incident in his life. The Stronach mill occupied this site in 1842 and was moved the following year to a location on the little Manistee about five miles distant. The Indians had no calendars and so had to count the season, but if Pacotushk is mistaken in his true age he has erred by no more than three or four years.

Pacotushk can tell no hair-raising stories of Indian wars, massacres, or even of individual feuds. His life has been as peaceful as the wooded retreat where he is spending his last days.

Two Children Living

Only one son and one daughter are left of his family of eight children. The daughter, Mrs. Mary James, 67, lives in a cabin near her father, William Sam, 69, the youngest son, has

a farm about seven miles north of Manistee. This son is the great-grandfather of Katherine Same, 18 months, the fifth generation.

Old Pacotushk can speak no English. His son and daughter attended school in Manistee in the first little frame school house which stood on the site of the Woodrow Wilson school of today. The family had its home at Eastlake across the harbor and Chief Ke-ox-i-kum was a great friend of Pactotushk. Ke-ox-i-kum died in Eastlake several years ago.

Pacotushk’s wife died when William Sam was 14 years old. A few years later Pacotushk took another squaw, who died 20 years ago. The old Indian made his living here for a time trapping and then worked in the lumber mills. Since 1908 he has lived on a five-acre tract on a great bluff overlooking the Manistee river valley.

Pacotushk has used tobacco all his life. He has been no abstainer from alcoholic liquors. Now that he is 116 years old, he ceases chewing his quid only long enough to have his picture taken and to express in Chippewa and his regrets that these bad habits probably will prevent his living to a ripe old age!

** Please note that the featured article is re-printed “as is” when it was first published. Therefore some of the words, grammar, and/or references may now be outdated, uncommon and/or misspoken.*

Remembering the Past....
Do You Know These People?

Last month, the Tribal Historic Preservation Department featured 20 different photos of unidentified people. We extend our thanks and appreciation to those of you who contacted us to identify the people; we now know who the people are in 14 of the 20 photos! The photos have now been recorded with the information provided by members during the last month; the other photos still remain unknown. The featured pictures were donated by various and now, unknown sources many years ago. If you have any questions or information about the photos, please contact Valerie Chandler, Tribal Historic Preservation Coordinator at 1-888-723-8288, ext. 2222 or (231) 398-2222 or email at vchandler@lrboi.com.

1. Annette Wabindato-Baker

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3. Genevieve Saugie-McGinn & Beverly Saugie-Hollingshead

4. Genevieve Saugie McGinn

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6. Raymond Cannon

7. Rosa Cisneros-Hill
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9. David James Patricio

10. Norman Kenneth Saugie

11. Thomas Douglas Saugie

12.

13. Caroline Joyce Saugie-Parks

14.
15. Marie C. King-Jetton & daughter Roxanne M. King

16. Ruby Aikens-Westworth

17. Katherine Kelsey-Higgins

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19. Elizabeth Betty Wilson-Langer

20. Linda Lou Saugie-Johnson

Keep watching the future issues of Little River “Currents” for more unidentified photos; we don’t know, but you may be the individual pictured, or remember taking the photo, or they may be your siblings, family and friends. Last month’s photos provided many good memories of times past for many members and we hope to continue to bring forth more reminiscent pieces of our history.

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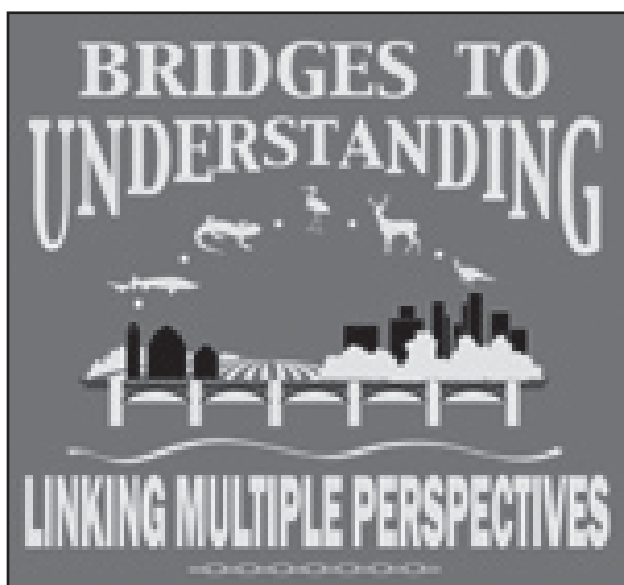


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2005 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference

“jewels of Michigan” while also encouraging the industries that will and are creating jobs and stimulating the Michigan economy. This conference is an opportunity for “Building bridges to this country’s fish and wildlife conservation.”

She put emphasis on the world-renowned fisheries and forests of Michigan, hoping to promote a partnership between a way of life and Michigan’s natural resources heritage, which is our legacy. “This Natural resources legacy feeds our hearts, our minds and our bodies.” She asked; “what will we leave behind for our children? Time is of the essence: we have to find ways to bridge the gap between preservation and economic development.” The Governor ended on a motivating note saying “Welcome to the great state of Michigan!”

Then came the address of Rebecca A. Humphries, the Michigan Natural Resources Director. Mrs. Humphries pointed out that Michigan’s natural resources are one economic factor that is key to encouraging businesses to relocate here. She stated that Michigan sells \$ 1.8 billion dollars worth of hunting licenses a year, that it is the first in the nation for registration of boats and snowmobiles and that Michigan welcomes 2.2 Million visitors to Michigan yearly. \$ 484 Million dollars are spent every year by these tourists in the state’s parks and campgrounds. \$ 12 Billion dollars are made annually in forestry products, while Michigan forests also create more than 200,000 jobs. “It is up to the Michigan Natural Resources representatives to find solutions, it is up to



*Rebecca A. Humphries
Michigan Natural Resources Director*

sity. “The Tribal Governments are not going anywhere, it is time we start working together”

Winona spoke of Indigenous teachings and how they are often looked at as folklore and not taken seriously, “in my experience, there is a lot of value in indigenous teachings.” Although she pointed out that “I don’t know all things about all indigenous peoples, there is a vast amount of diversity among them”. She also stated that “The ‘Great Law’ is that Nature’s Law is the greatest law. Creation is law. We are all related and we are not of greater value than nature.”

LaDuke made the strong point that conservation is not fundamentally about Natural Resource preservation, it is about managing our behavior. With this said, she went on to compare corporate management

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On December 12th through to the 15th, biologists, government officials, professors, state and tribal representatives gathered together in Grand Rapids to share information on Michigan’s fish and wildlife programs and challenges. It was a great opportunity for the Little River Band’s biologists to share their knowledge and expertise while making great connections and building long-term partnerships with other professionals in the field.

On the first day of the conference, there was a welcoming reception at the Grand Rapids’ VanAndel Public Museum. The setting was majestic, with a four story wall of glass overlooking the river. Drummers from a Michigan tribe, made a strong statement as to the importance of the tribes in Michigan’s natural resource management programs. There were representatives from various tribes at the conference, but none made as strong an impact as the drummers on Sunday night.

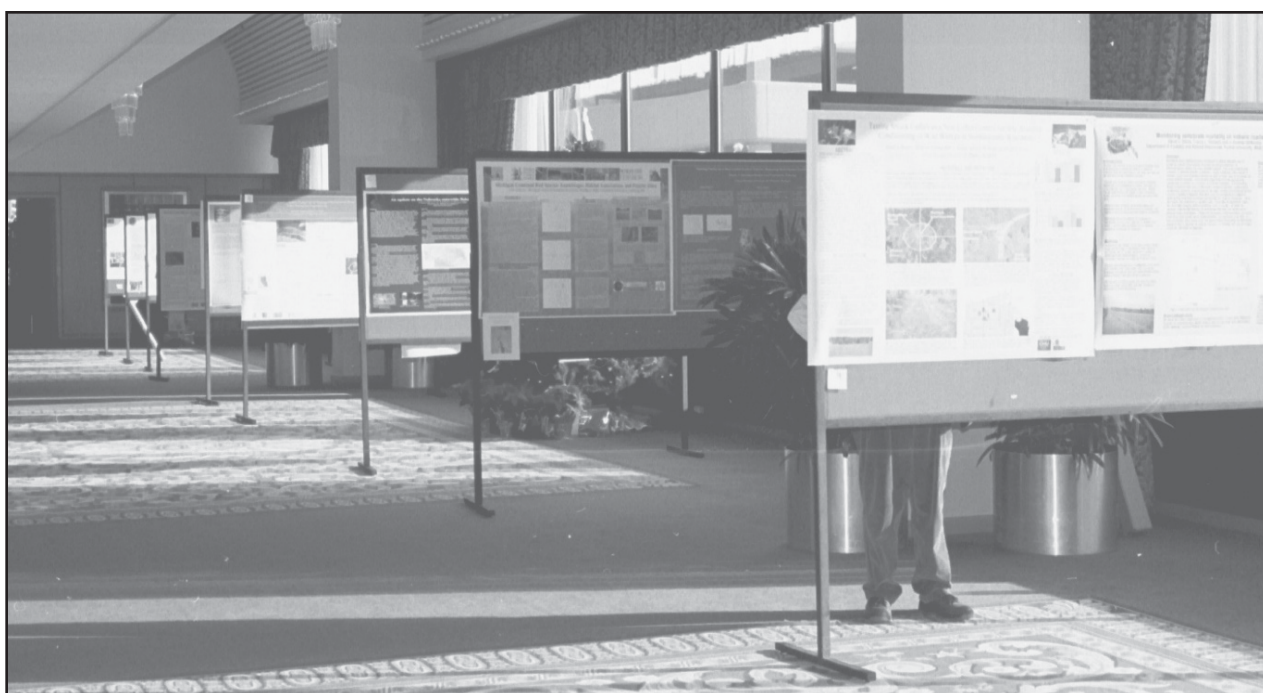
On Monday morning, an expectant crowd of over a thousand people gathered in one of the great rooms of the conference center to listen to the opening addresses by keynote speakers of influence in the state and in the nation.

The first to appear were the Michigan Conservation Officers Color Guard, who ceremoniously brought in the flags of Michigan and of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and put them on display on the podium.

Governor Jennifer Granholm gave an introductory address via a pre-recorded video. She called for all those in attendance to work toward the common goal of promoting the natural resources that are the



*Jimmie Mitchell
Performed the opening Pipe Ceremony*



us to work with the tribes to build bridges to protect and acquire wildlife habitats.” Mrs. Humphries referred to Michigan tribes as “Conservation Partners”.

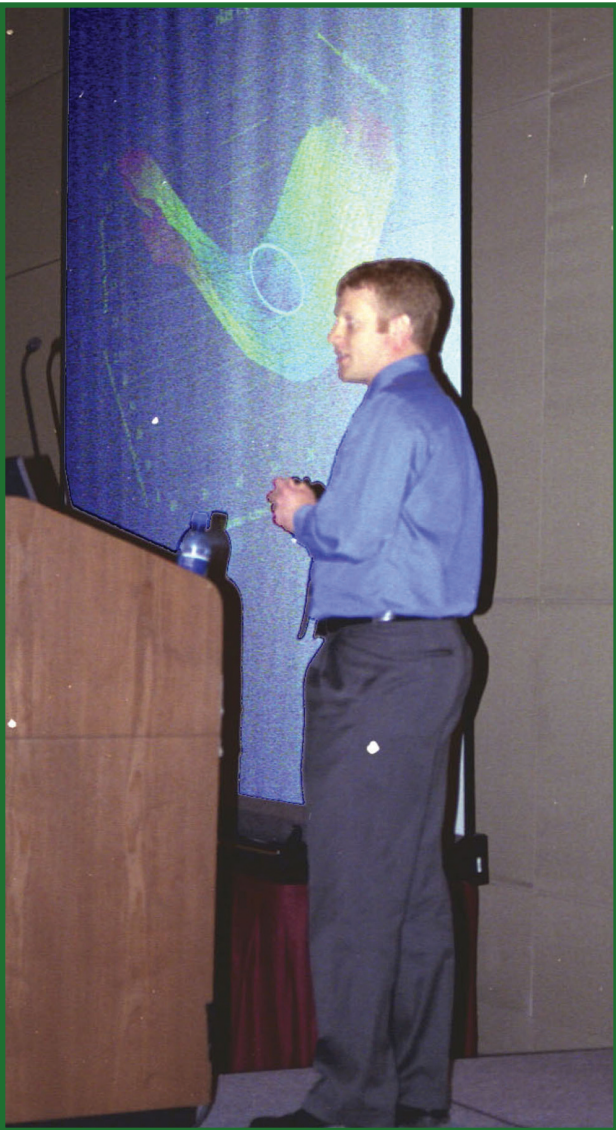
Winona LaDuke was a plenary speaker on Monday morning, making her usual strong address and doing a great job of representing tribal natural resources interests.

She stated that there are 550 recognized tribes in the US, and that the Ecological perspective and preservation is as important as the preservation of cultural diver-

*Top - Posters Exhibit
Bottom - Booth Displays*



Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference



Justin Chiotti, LRBOI
Presenting on Sturgeon Spawning Habitat

styles to the Aanishinaabec management style: pointing out that the corporate world allows man's laws to be the highest laws. "This allows us to use and abuse the gifts of Mother Earth." She insisted that "changing laws is not a solution, this is done under the pretense that man's law is higher than the Creator and Creation."

LaDuke referred to the strained relationships between Native Nations and the Federal Government, stating "we have 4% of our allocated land left." She offered the proposition that now is a good time to make better relations with Native Nations to help us all create less destructive practices.

"We need to STOP the perspective that natives should be the enemy," said a vehement

LaDuke, "the native communities have made great strides and achieved great accomplishments in the preservation and restoration of natural resources. [...] Here in Michigan, we have the potential to protect a world resource, the Great Lakes. Water is a human right and a source of life – this right is more important than the rights of the "private" industry."

We are the richest and most powerful country in the world, we first need the politicians to participate and understand that "Natural Law is the highest law."

We are all going to drink, walk, breathe air, and eat on this earth; we need to adopt the 7 generations philosophy for all public and environmental policy. We are here to build bridges across land and across social boundaries. These bridges need to be sustainable throughout the 7 generations.

The Midwest Fish and Wildlife conference started on this powerful note. Following the introductory speeches, Jimmy Mitchell performed a pipe ceremony, which officially began the Tribal Symposium portion of the conference.

The first presentations I was privilege to were moderated by LRBOI's very own Inland Fisheries biologist, Marty Holtgren.

The Tribal Fisheries Management Symposium highlighted the depth and diversity of Tribal fisheries management programs within the Great Lakes Region. The goal of these presentations was to help provide insight into Tribal fisheries management and Treaty Reserved Rights to other fisheries managers and help provide a better appreciation to the unique role that Tribe's play in the landscape of fisheries management. (From the MW-FWC website <http://www.midwestfishand-wildlife.com>).

Within this section of the conference, Justin Chiotti presented his Master's thesis project on Sturgeon spawning grounds and Marty Holtgren presented the wonderful work his team has been doing with the streamside sturgeon rearing facility. Stephanie Ogren helped moderate the Tribal Fisheries Management Symposium with Marty.

Wildlife biologist Nathan Svoboda had a poster presentation explaining the work the tribe is conducting on habitat use, home-range size and relative abundance of bobcats in Michigan's Northern Lower Peninsula. Nate also served as the conference moderator for the Population Dynamics and Management of Mammals portion of the conference.



Marty Holtgren, LRBOI
Presenting on Sturgeon Rearing Facility

I attended several presentations on various Tribal programs throughout Michigan as well as those of some affiliates and partners such as Central Michigan University. In his or her own way, every speaker contributed to the goal of the conference; bridging the gaps among agencies and integrating the academic elements of their research with Tribal, Local, State, Federal, and private interests and contributions. It was made clear to me during this experience that the involvement of the Tribes in local and nation-wide natural resource management is imperative. All in attendance duly noted our presence; we truly were there to make a difference by building strong bridges that will no doubt be key to future solutions.

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Public Informaiton Specialist, LRBOI



Winona LaDuke (Above - Right)

Winona LaDuke is an Anishinaabeg (Ojibwe) enrolled member of the Mississippi Band of Anishinaabeg, Program Director of Honor the Earth, and the Founding Director of White Earth Land Recovery Project. In addition, she has worked for two decades on the land issues of the White Earth Reservation, including litigation over land rights in the 1980's. In 1989, LaDuke received the Reebok Human Rights Award, with which, in part, she began the White Earth Land Recovery Project. In 1994, she was nominated by Time magazine as one of America's fifty most promising leaders under forty years of age, and was also awarded the Thomas Merton Award in 1996, the Ann Bancroft Award, the 1997 Ms. Woman of the Year Award, and numerous other honors.

A graduate of Harvard and Antioch Universities, she has written extensively on Native American and environmental issues. Her books include Last Standing Woman (fiction), All Our Relations (non-fiction), In the Sugarbush (children's non-fiction), and The Winona LaDuke Reader. Her forthcoming book, Recovering the Sacred, will be released by South End Press in 2005.



Nathan Svoboda, LRBOI

With poster on
Bobcat habitat use

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Friendly Game ...
Tribal Police Win Against Manistee P.D.



We Won 2-1

The Enrollment Department would like to give a friendly reminder that there are some Tribal members who do not have their beneficiary forms on file with us. The following members need to contact the Enrollment Department to request a beneficiary form. Please remember that the form **does need to be notarized** before it is returned to us.

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Brittani Antoine	Christine Briggs	Allan Compeau	Martha Edgar	Justin Goodman	Timothy Holman
Jeffrey Antoine	Robert Briggs	Alesia Condon	Charles Ellis, III	Michiel Goodman	Dawn Holub
Gregory Antoine, Jr.	Tracey Brock	Gary Congleton	Janet Ellis	Jordan Gower	Jacob Holub
Roland Antoine, Jr.	Chelsea Bromley	Stacy Conner	Steffanie Elmer	Kelly Graff	Tahnee Holub
Gregory Antoine, Sr.	Aliena Broome	Dorothy Cook	Heidi Elzinga	Candy Graham	Thomas Holub
Stephanie Antoine	Eliaylia Broome	Christine Cooper	Anisa Engstrom	Patrick Gray	Ashley Holwerda-
Dane Artman	Donna Brown	Colina Copas	Marisa Engstrom	Robert Gray	Chambers
Danielle Artman	Jeweli Brown	Andria Corrie	Robert Engstrom	James Green Jr.	Kelsey Holwerda-
Beverly Audette	Bradley Brushman	Sherry Cousineau	Christine Ennis	Augustine Green	Chambers
Robert Audette	Danielle Bryant	Susan Crawford	Dale Ennis	James Green	Goldie House
Timothy Badger	Maseline Brzycki, Jr.	Jessica Cryderman	Alan Ensley	Joshua Green	Mark Huddleston
Beau Bailey	Lori Budnick	Nicole Daily	Barbara Ensley	Matthew Green	Raymond Hugo
David Bailey	Cody Bullis-King	Robin Dake	Donald Ensley	William Green	Danielle Humphries
Kaytlyn Bailey	Justin Bunting	Kimberly Danley	Alyssa Evans	William Green	Rosalinda Hunt
Marvin Bailey	Isabel Burger	Cyra Davis	Amber Evans	Daniel Greenlund	Dana Hunter
Solomon Bailey	Christopher	Daniel Davis	Josephine Everett	Michael Greenlund	Darlene Hutsell
Mariah Baker	Burmeister	Jacqueline Davis	Christopher Fauble	Sherri Greenlund	David Ibarra Jr.
Linda Barber	Joseph Burmeister	Michael Davis	Gregory Fauble	Danyel Gregory	Dakota Irvin
Renee Barnett	Mary Burr	Renee Davis	Streisand Febles	Tina Griffis	Howard Ivory
Kennedy Barnier	Jeremy Buschlen	Robert Davis	Aaron Fisher	Darrin Griffith	Michelle Ivory-
Jeanine Barrow	Joel Buschlen	Tammy Day	Kelli Fisher	Michael Griffith	Sinclair
Tana Barrow	Crystal Bush	Gary Dayton	Joshua Fitzgerald	Lance Grill	Lisha Jacob
Linda Bartlett	Derek Bush	Anthony De Gennaro	Daniel Flater	Marcus Griswold	Stormie Jacobs-Frees
Sebastian Batcher	Richard Bush	Dallas Dean	Jerry Flater	Nicholas Griswold	Benjamin Jager
Amya Battice	Scott Bush	Kenneth Dean	Andrew Fleury	Todd Grocholski	John Jager
Darrell Battice	Domingo Calvillo Jr.	La Tasha Dean	John Fleury	Troy Gunter	Jennifer James
Matthew Battice	Anna Calvillo	Angela DeBres	Micah Fleury	Mitch Guthrie	Anthony Jenkins
Thomas Battice	Ernest Calvillo	Arthur deBres, Jr.	Sandra Fleury	Brittney Haavisto	Joey Jensen
Timothy Battice	Maria Calvillo	Elizabeth Detz	Lisa Forbes	Joyce Haavisto	Carl Jetton
William Bean Jr.	Becky Captain	Sharron Detz	Larry Fox	Richard Haley	Christy Jetton
Timothy Beckton	Kendrick Captain	Carlene Deverney	Larry Fox	Glenna Hall	Larue Jetton
Mary Bedard	Tosha Captain	Cecelia DeVerney	Patricia Fox	Sandy Hall	Steven Jobs, Jr.
Jeremiah Behnke	Erica Carey	Christopher DeVerney	SeabeQua Fox	Chad Hamm	Adam Johnson
LeAnn Behnke	Jacob Carey	Gabriel DeVerney	Craig Fraly	Edward Hammond	Cathleen Johnson
Cheyenne Bell	Joshua Carey	Richard Deverney	Sharron Franklin	Mary Hammond	Kristin Johnson
Deborah Bell	Rose Carlon	Michelle DeVerney,	Wendy Frary	Brian Hanlon Jr.	Marki Johnson
Keisha Bell	Sabrina Carlson	Sr.	Kira Freda	Jordan Hanlon	Marki Johnson
Jerry Bellmore	Victoria Carr	Dawn Dewhurst	Barbara Frederick	Drake Hannah	Mason Johnson
Keith Benson	Donovan Carranco	Edward DeWitt	Andrew Frees	Melissa Harrington	Robert Johnson
Milo Benson	Remelio Carranco	Christian Diaz-Moore	Tracy Frees	Haley Harris	Ronald Johnson
George Berry	Christina Castillo	Jason Dixon	Cristina From	Regina Harris	Russell Johnson
Bailey Bickley	Benjamin Ceplina	Joe Dixon Jr.	Nicholas From	Lynn Haskell	Thomas Johnson
Kelsey Bickley	Ricky Chambers	Arlene Dixon	Terrence From	Cheryl Hatley	Simone Jonaitis
Sadie Bickley	Rik Chambers	James Dixon, Jr	Lawrence Fultz	Catlyn Hayes	Emily Jones
Oletha Birdsall	Lydia Chandler	Patricia Dixon	Pamela Fultz	Sondra Heiman	Joshua Jones
Shawn Birdsall	Thomas Chandler	Savannah Dixon	Jeffrey Furman	Daniel Heine	Michelle Jones
Sarah Bisson	Timothy Chandler	Stephen Donnelly	Raymond Furman	Paul Heine	Gerald Kalke, Jr.
Savannah Bisson	Michael Charlow	Georgia Dorvinen	Ryan Furman	Jason Henderson III	Vicky Katrinic
Sherri Blab	Walter Chartrand	Barbara Dotson	Jackqueline Gabourie	Alice Henderson	Kelsey Keebler
Kimberly Blackburn	Staci Cheney	Anthony Dove	Maria Garza	Laurie Hendrickson	Bonnie Kenny
Toni Blackford	Jerry Chippewa	Donald Dove	Nathaniel Gaul	Robin Herr	Christian Kequam
					Keegan Kequam

Anthony Kequom Jr.	Brittney Lounsberry	Cecil Micko	Bradley Paul	Luciano Rivera
Brooke Kequom	Taylor Lounsberry	Dominyc Micko	Dustin Paynter	Rachel Rivera
Holly Kequom	Karen Love	Joel Micko	Catherine Peabody	Salvatore Rivera
Jacob Kequom	Melissa Lovett	Kristen Micko	Stacey Pearo	Louis Roberts Jr.
Jennifer Kequom	Danette Lovette	Kristy Micko	Alan Pego	Thomas Robinson Jr.
Lisa Kequom	Lawrence Luce, Jr.	Ki-Anna Milk	Eric Pego	Edith Robinson
Lori Kequom	Victor Luce	Bennie Miller	Stephanie Pekoc	Lisa Robinson
Steven Kequom	Michael Lyons	John Miller	Annmarie Penfold	Sally Robinson
Steven Kequom	Janal Magnuson	Thomas Miller, Jr	Amanda Pete	Debra Rodriguez
Brian King	Jeffrey Magnuson	Barbara Miller-Bressette	Camree Pete	Jennifer Rogers
Alan Kiogima, Jr.	Jerrold Magnuson	Amanda Mills	Charlene Pete	Michael Rollen
Deanna Kisro	Arthur Magnuson, Jr.	Damian Mills	Conrad Pete	Angela Roney
Donna Kisro	Virginia Malone	Misty Mills	Damian Pete	Ashley Roney
Terrin Kitchens	Pebbles Malstrom	Shelley Mills	Donald Pete	Chasman Rose
Amy Kleeman	Vada Malstrom	John Minaker	Jodi Pete	James Rose
Becky Kleeman	Ashly Markowski	Kevin Mitchell	Lloyd Pete	Martin Rose
Robert Kleeman	Gary Markowski	Brandon Modrow	Shyanne Pete	Mary Rose
Robert Kleeman	Terry Markowski	Lois Modrow	Skylynn Pete	Samantha Rose
Allen Klemp	Connie Marr	Tracey Modrow	Todd Pete	Jordan Ross
Rae Klemp	Dawn Marr	Micheal Moens	Zachary Pete	Patsy Rowe
Alicia Knapp	Roger Martell, Jr.	Christina Molzner	Michael Peters	Mark Rutherford
Jared Knapp	Dale Martin	Stephanie Moon	Russell Peters	Renee Salmonson
Cody Kneidl	Tonja Martin	Barbara Moore	John Peterson, Jr.	Jennifer Salsbury
Marie Kneidl	Philip Martinez	Clifford Moore	Bailey Pettit	Jonnie Sam III
Alexandria Kneidl-Peppers	Jane Marvin	Del Moore	Amber Petts	Aaron Sam
Merry Koon	Lora Marvin	Francis Moore	Brandon Petts	Alexzandra Sam
Tasheena Koon	Thomas Marvin	Samantha Moore	Michelle Petts	Angelina Sam
Tommy Koon	Luann Mathews	Reta Morgan	Randall Petts	Bryan Sam
Howard Koone III	Christine Mavis	Katherine Morrison	Kaylin Petzak	Bryan Sam
Jack Korhorn	Anastasia McAvoy	Diana Morrow	Maria Phetteplace	Gilbert Sam
Donna Kosiboski	Lisa McCatty	Nancy Moses	Stacie Phillips	Jazmine Sam
Vickie Krueger	Christopher McClellan	Barbara Mullins	Michael Philo	Keith Sam
Gabrielle Krzyske	Michael McCulloch	Delores Mullins	David Piechocki	Victoria Sam
Hadley Krzyske	Bonnie McCurley	Donald Muma II	Patrick Piechocki	Angel Sanchez II
Heather Krzyske	Valerie McDonnell	Matthew Muma	Amanda Pierson	Samuel Sanchez, III
Debra Kundrick	Norman McGinn,Sr	Michael Muma	Jerry Pierson	Nicholas Sanchez
Melonie Kunnen	Delaney McIntyre	Scott Muma	Jamie Pike	Robin Sanchez
James La Porte	Michael McIntyre	Tiffany Muma	Wendy Pike	Skylar Sanchez
Vanessa LaFortune	Sean McKenney	Shannon Murphy	Danny Pineda	Sharon Sanders
Sunni Lake	Richard McKinley	Penny Neal	Aiyana Plank	Ty Sands
Karina Lamoreaux	Jason McLain	Andrea Nearanz	Jarod Plank	Jamie Sanford
Jeffery Langner	James McLain, Jr.	Benjamin Nearanz	Jeffrey Plank	Christine Santose
Terry Langner	Sonya McLain	Crystal Nearanz	Lorie Plank	Matthew Sarber
Virginia Lanier	Patrick McPherson	Gina Nearanz	David Plouhar	Raquel Sarres
Brandon Lastrape	Amanda McQueen	Katherine Nearanz	John Plouhar	Matthew Saugie
John Ledford	Melanie McQueen	AnJanette Nease	Logan Pollard	Stephanie Saugie
Johnny Ledford	Seth McQueen	Athena Nelson	Alexis Postema	Kenneth Saugie-Harris
Jessica LeDoux	Sharon McQueen	David Nelson	Carolyn Potter	Shannon Schabel
Mary Lee	Shawn Mechaney	Deneese Nelson	Aaliyah Pretty	Adam Schaller
Rachel Leis	Alexis Medacco	Justin Nelson	Sonja Ptaszek	Leslie Schaller
Katherine Lemere	David Medacco	Renee Nelson	Mark Rambaldo	Bradley Schaub
Steven Leonard	David Medacco	Vanita Nelson	Jeffrey Ramberg	Shanarie Schauer
Geri Lewis	Jeffery Medacco	Norman Nichols Jr.	Steven Ramberg	Angela Schmidt
Harry Lewis	Jerry Medacco	Kenneth Nickerson	Bridgett Ramsay	Emily Schmidt
Jillian Lewis	Joseph Medacco	Randall Nigh, Jr.	Christopher Ray	Heidi Schmidt
Francis Lewis, Jr.	Mary Medacco	Beverly Ninise	Ruby Ray	Laureen Schmidt
Lynn Lewis	Michael Medacco	John Noah	Sabrina Ray	Randy Schmidt
Steven Lewis	Miranda Medacco	Melody Norman	Anthony Raymo	Teresa Schmidt
Elaine Lewis-Allen	Robert Medacco	Khristina Norwick	Christopher Raymo	Jon Schondelmayer
Brandon Leyton	Timothy Medacco	Anisa Odom	Lee Raymo	Catrina Schopp
Sherell Liggera	Jarad Medukas	Sarah Oliva	Mark Raymo	Barbara Schotts
Ronald Lilleberg	Sylvia Medukas	George Olson	Mark Raymo	Robert Schudlich
Wayne Lones Jr.	Andrew Mejia	Jimmy Olson	Zacharie Raymo	Harley Schultz
Ollis Lones Sr.	Gustavio Mejia	Timmy Olson	Sarah Reffitt	Onalee Schultz
Glenn Lones, Jr	Migel Mejia	Michelle Oracz	Laura Ricker	Patricia Schultz
Regan Lones	Seferino Mejia	William Oskaboose	Amanda Riley	Tracy SenSel
Robin Lones	Brian Memberto	Mona Otto Plunkett	Amy Riley	Andrew Shalifoe
Tanita Lones	Jayna Memberto	Deana Otto	Andrew Riley	Benjamin Shalifoe
Theresa Lones	Philip Memberto	Maria Pagan	Daniel Riley	Catherine Shalifoe
Tisha Lones	Regina Memberto	Carole Pahssen	Dawn Riley	Jennifer Shalifoe
Torrey Lones	Christopher Mersman	Errol Palmer	Joseph Riley, II	Kelly Shalifoe
Trevon Lones	Mary Mersman	Jarod Parks	John Riley	Koko Shalifoe
William Lones	Cissely Metzger	Robert Parks, Jr.	Donald Riley, Jr	Madeline Shalifoe
Rochelle Long	Kenneth Metzger	Kayla Parks	Nicholas Riley	Richard Shalifoe
Katrina Lopez	Gerald Micko Jr.	William Parks	Richard Rittenhouse, Jr	John Shano II
Brendan Lounsberry	Ally Micko	William Patrick	Celia Rivera	John Shano

Kevin Shano
Lance Shaw
Richard Shaw
Barry Shelder
Marty Shelder
Shelbie Shelder
Sueann Sheneman
Erika Shepard
James Shepard
Matthew Shepard
Michael Shepard
Michael Shepard
Samuel Shepard
Jessica Sherman
Steven Shine
Janelle Shoup
Samantha Shoup
LaDawn Showers
June Sierminski
Vickie Sigler
Louise Simmons
Amanda Simpson
Jason Sinkpiel
Loran Sinkpiel
Leisa Skimhorn
Michael Skimhorn
Todd Skimhorn
Troy Skimhorn
Michael Skinkle
Linda Slater
Arika Smith
Erik Smith
James Smith
Joseph Smith
Michael Smith
Nicole Smith
Robert Smith
Shannon Smith
Joshua Snow
Jake Solis
Daniel Somerville
Jacquelline Somerville
Alice Soto
Elizabeth Soto
Jason Soto
Juan Soto
Nicholas Soto
Stefanie Soto
Teresa Soto
Jeffory Speer
Allysa Sprague
Andrew Sprague
Thomas Sprague, Jr.
Nancy Sprague
Zhaawan Sprague
Roger Stalzer, Jr.
Shawn Stalzer
James Stark
Morgan Stark
Pepin Steckler
Olivia Stelter
Sharon Stephens
Kiley Stevens
Delberta Stevenson
Michael Still III
Sandra Still
Eric Stires
Jacqueline Stokes
Jessica Stokes
Timothy Stokes
Elijah Stone
Hailey Stone
Israel Stone
Joshua Stone
Levi Stone
Malachi Stone

Matthew Stone
Phillip Stone
Sara Stone
Silas Stone
Amanda Strickler
Sky Stroh
Leslie Studey
Sarah Swanson
Danielle Swenson
Georgette Swenson
Heather Swenson
Anthony Switala
Ayla Switala
Carolyn Switala
Dusty Switala
Susan Switzer
Ryan Szpliet
Wyatt Szpliet
Zachary Szpliet
Allan Taylor
Amanda Taylor
Erika Taylor
Ross Taylor
Luther Teeters
Vicky TenBrink
Heather TenHaken
Robert TenHaken
Robert TenHaken
Lana TenHove
Thomas Ter Haar
Richard TerHaar
Alice Thayer
Amy Theodore
Bradley Theodore
Brian Theodore
James Theodore
Julie Theodore
Shelly Theodore
Taryn Theodore
Todd Theodore
Linda Thiel
Jason Thomas
Tyler Thorne
Elisa Tippitt
Linda Torres
Robert Torrie
Raymond Trevino
Angie Turner
Alan Tyler
Dennis Tyler
Jerry Tyler
Joseph Tyler
Larry Tyler
Todd Tyler
Adam Umlauf
Andrea Umlauf
Cameron Umlauf
Matthew Umlauf
Philip Valadez
Robert Valadez
Trisha Vanderlip
Thomas VanderZand
Michael VanStee
Raynel VanStee
Steven VanStee
Tia Varner
Dylan Verdi
Andrea Villarreal
Kyler Visscher
Logan Visscher
Pauletta Visscher
Knight Vizenor
Sharleen Wabindato
Francis Wabindato
Angela Wabindato
Anthony Wabindato

Brandi Wabindato
Cheyanne Wabindato
James Wabindato
Nichole Wabindato
Pauline Wabindato
Samantha Wabindato
Steven Wabindato
Vincent Wabindato
Wendy Wabindato
Zachary Wabsis
Rachel Wallenstein
Brian Walsh
James Walsh
Rachel Walsh
Regina Walsh
Alexander Walters
Carol Walters
Daisy Walters
Edward Walters
Nicole Walters
Susan Walters
Andrea Wanstrom
Marion Warren II
Charles Warren
Heather Warren
Jeremy Warren
Blu Webb
Michelle Webster
Rebecca Weller
Joshua Wellman
Kyle Wellman
Cynthia Wethington
Dante White
Harold Wiegand
Richard Wiegand
Robert Wiegand
Kenneth Willard
Roxanne Willard
Glen Williams
Michelle Williams
Robert Williams
Paul Willis
Charles Wilson IV
Andrew Wilson
Art Wilson
Douglas Wilson
James Wilson
Jeremy Wilson
Joshua Wilson
Joshua Wilson
Julius Wilson
Miles Wilson
Clifford Witkop
Jennifer Witkop
Josilyn Wittenberg
Matthew Wittenberg
Scott Wittenberg
Veronika Wittenberg
Maria Wolf
Emil Wolfe III
Emilie Wolfe
Alissa Wood
Melaine Wood
Brent Worth
Richard Wynsma II
Rebecca Wynsma
Carol Yokeum
Chad Young
Linda Zalsman



The past couple months we have been receiving a lot of address changes, but there are still members who do not have a current address on file with us. The following members need to contact our department to request an address change form, and the form **does have to be notarized** before you send it back.

Adamczak Chad
Alan Adamczak Gary
Alan Adamczak Nicholas
Matthew
Adamczak Vincent Frank
Adams Teaira Jean
Antoine, Jr. Charles W.
Carr Victoria Hazel
Carter Sarah Marie
Cogswell Randall Charles
Cole Bridget
Congleton Gary Lee
Dayton Gary Lee
DeVerney Gabriel Luis
Febles Streisand N.
Fisher Aaron Chance
Fraly Darlene Francis
Gabourie Jackqueline
Romaine
Gialanella Wendy Christine
Giltz Johnathan Robert
Goodfellow Rick Lee
Grant Isaac Timothy
Graves Laureen Ann
Griswold Nicholas Allen
Hatley Cheryl Lynn
Hayes Catlyn Marie
Hewitt Floyd James
Hewitt Joseph Robert
Holman Felicia Marie
Jenkins Anthony Wayne
Jensen Joey Lee
Johnson Mason Anthony
Fernandez
Kelsey Nancy Isabel
Kequom Brooke Renee
Kneidl Shirley
Korhorn Jack Raymond
Kraus Kathryn Marie
Lake Sunni Jo
Langner Elizabeth Jean
Ledford Johnny Lee
Lewis Jennifer Ann
Lewis Jessica Lynn
Lilleberg Marita Kaye
Lilleberg Ronald Deane
Lopez Alicia Marie
McCauley Mary Elsie
McCollum Coy Ringo
McCurley Bonnie Ann
McKay Carrie Lynn
McQueen Sharon Kay
Medacco Alexis Ann
Medacco Richard Joseph
Michalski Laurie Ann
Micko Dominyc
Nimkiibneshiinh
Micko Jr. Gerald John

Miller Eva Marie
Miller John Michael
Minaker William James
Modrow Tracey Lee
Molzner Christina Carolyn
Moore Brian Anthony
Muma Jesse Morris
Nearanz Gina Marie
Nease AnJanette Marie
Nichols Jr. Norman Neil
Pearo Stacey Jay
Pete Damian Aaron
Pete Erika Beth
Plouhar John Matthew
Raymo Lee Andrew
Riggins , Jr. Ricky
Damanta Furious
Rittenhouse Brian Scott
Rivera Rachel Marie
Robinson Sally Elizabeth
Rodriguez Melissa Kay
Saugie Mark Andrew
Schauer Shanarie Charlene
Schrader Michael Lloyd
Sikorski-Burns Andrea Marie
Sinkpiel Loran Gene
Skinkle Therese A
Skrzysinski Alice Jane
Skyles Teresa Diane
Somerville Daniel Albert
Stelter Olivia Mae
Stires Eric Shane
Taylor Allan Forrest
Teeters Luther Everett
Freeman
Trevan Joseph Gregorio
Trevino Raymond Lee
Tyler Alan Neil
Tyler Larry Dean
Wabindato Mathew James
Walters Thomas Harold
Wheeler Veronica Barbara
Wiegand Ross Howard

We would like any adult Tribal member **who has not received** the new Tribal Directory to please contact the Enrollment Department. The Enrollment Department can be contacted by the following numbers:

Toll free number 1
(888) 723-8288
Diane A. Lonn
Enrollment Officer
(231) 398-6712
Jessica Wissner
Enrollment Assistant
(231) 398-6713
Debra Stone
Enrollment Secretary
(231) 398-6710

LRBOI COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

COMMISSIONS

Binojeeuk Commission: The purpose of this commission is to protect the best interests of the child and promoting the stability and security of the Tribe and its Indian families by exercising the Tribe’s rights under the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Little River Band Children’s Code. The Commission advises the Tribal Council and Tribal Court on child welfare matters, recommends policy and procedures, monitors child welfare proceedings involving Tribal members in state or Tribal courts, and other duties as outlined in the Children’s Code. There are five (5) adult members of this body.

Enrollment Commission: This Commission is responsible for making determinations on enrollment applications, as well as advising the enrollment officer and Tribal Council regarding the enrollment process, to ensure that it is equitable and fair. The Commission has seven (7) members.

Gaming Commission: The Gaming Commission is the Tribe’s Regulatory Agency that has authority over all gaming related activities within the Tribe’s jurisdiction. The duties and powers are numerous, including but not limited to enforcement internal controls, licensure of Casino employees, adoption of regulations for the gaming enterprise, enforcement of gaming laws, regulations and policy. This Commission is comprised of three (3) adult members, and each commissioner is required to have a comprehensive background investigation prior to appointment to this body.

Applications for appointment for these positions consist of a letter of interest and an application form which identifies the individual’s personal and professional background. Applications for the positions also require a letter of interest to be filed with the Tribal Ogema.

Note: *All Commissioners are required to sign a conflict of interest form.*

Commission members receive a stipend of \$100.00 per meeting for their service to this important government function.

Housing Commission: The Commission is organized to develop and further housing opportunities for Tribal members, to provide housing programs and services to Tribal members, assess the housing needs of the Tribe and to submit the Tribe’s Annual Indian Housing Plan under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act. There are five (5) members of this commission, one member may be a non-member of the Tribe.

Natural Resources Commission: This body is empowered to regulate utilization of natural resources within the Tribe’s jurisdiction, including hunting, fishing, gathering, trapping activities. The Commission recommends any additional ordinances to protect the natural resources, lands and waters within the Tribe’s Reservation and Ceded Territory to Tribal Council. There are five (5) members of this Commission.

COMMITTEES

Cultural Preservation Committee
The Committee organizes and approves cultural activities, including the annual Jingtamok.



Natural Resources programs and the tribe...
What these programs mean to our people

Beginning with the March edition of the *Little River Currents* we will be starting a new series on the Tribal Natural Resources Department programs. These features will explore what the programs mean to tribal members and to the protection and preservation of our land. We will begin with an overview of the department followed by individual articles that highlight the skilled professionals who are assets to ensuring the success of the various programs.

Through these articles we will examine how the programs are working to further cultural and environmental issues which are fundamental to the identity of our tribe and our people.

Watch for these articles and you will see why other tribes and peoples are looking to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians for leadership in the preservation and nurturing of our Natural Resources.



Little River Casino Resort

Look what's Rolling at the River

Valentine's
Day



Little River "rolls" out "Mission Statement" and "Values" at Business Review meeting on December 6th & 8th.



The Management Team has been meeting and they are **rolling** out their Strategic Plan for Little River Casino Resort. The Team **rolled** out the Casino Mission Statement and Values during December 6th and 8th Business Review meetings. A lot of "FUN" was had by all. The Team is starting to communicate to LRBOI employees what they have planned for our future successes.

Correction to last month's article:

- Berry Blossom is Blossom Berry
- Angela Martin is attending Grand Valley to obtain a Bachelor's Degree
- Ron Pete travels from Grand Haven, not Holland

Little River Casino Resort Internship Program

We are excited to extend the opportunity to anyone attending an Accredited College or University to complete their required college/university sponsored internship program here at the Little River Casino Resort. As a Little River Casino Resort intern, you can expect to work on substantive projects, develop professional skills, and benefit from the personal attention of Department Leaders. There will be weekly meetings, trainings, and much more that will be mandatory for you to attend. For more information regarding the internship program, please contact Lisa Sagala, Recruiting Supervisor at 231-723-4530 or 888-568-2244.



The Little River Casino Resort welcomes LRBOI member Connie Waitner to our Little River Management staff

Please join us in welcoming Connie Waitner, Compliance Manager for LRBOI. Prior to joining the LRBOI Team Connie was a Compliance Officer for the LRBOI Gaming Commission. Connie also served as Tribal Councilor and LRBOI Business Board Member. Welcome to the Casino Resort. Your previous experiences are a great fit for your new role. We look forward to working with you. Connie is located in the Finance/Accounting Offices.

T.E.A.M. Concept Training
(Total Effective Asset
Management)



Tribal Member Highlight

DuWayne Alberts - Slot Shift Manager, Little River Casino Resort



You can see from the photo that DuWayne is a young man. At the age of 29, this LRBOI tribal member has accomplished more in four years at the LRBOI than many people would in a lifetime. DuWayne began working as a Slot Rep at the Little River Casino Resort on April 16, 2002 and was promoted to the position of Slot Shift Supervisor a short 11 months later. On November 4th, 2005 DuWayne was promoted to the position of Slot Shift Manager. Along the way he has juggled grave, swing and day shifts and calls the casino his "second home."

DuWayne grew up in the Scottville/Ludington area and attended school at Mason County Central and in Ludington. He was raised by his mother, Esther and has an older half-brother and half-sister. DuWayne's father is LRBOI tribal member, Michael Alberts.

DuWayne and his wife Autumn recently purchased their first home and are raising their family in Ludington. This family includes four children Jordan (9), Summer (4), Jamison (2), along with DuWayne's nephew Scott (11). DuWayne's kids describe his job as "working at a video game store." DuWayne says that after working shifts at all hours he is able to sleep through anything and needs only about 5 hours of sleep. He does admit to drinking a lot of coffee throughout the day/night! In his spare time DuWayne likes to fish and hunt, and recently caught his first Coho Salmon. DuWayne is the kind of employee who readily accepts challenges. Management in his department has been very supportive of his development and during 2005 encouraged him to attend the National Indian Gaming

Association Conference in San Diego along with an intensive Slot Leadership Program in Las Vegas. One peer mentioned that DuWayne is someone they can count on, on a daily basis. He has been described as mature yet motivating and fun. He has earned the respect of those around him and this was rewarded when he was awarded Supervisor of the Quarter during 2005. DuWayne is also a member of the Employee Care Committee at the LRBOI.

DuWayne is considering attending West Shore Community College for Business Administration. His goal is to one day become the Slot Department Manager at the Little River Casino Resort.

DuWayne believes that he has been able to advance at the casino because he has an open mind and is not afraid to try something new. He also has a great sense of humor and truly cares about people. If you have the opportunity to meet and talk with DuWayne, thank him for his hard work and dedication. He won't take credit but he will appreciate meeting you. That's one of his favorite parts of the job.

Members Assistance Department
Current Assistance Programs



***Low Income Energy Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing an energy crisis. Assistance is available in all states.
-Amount of assistance: \$200.00 per year; per household.

***LIHEAP
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
(Heat Source – Natural Gas, Propane, Electric, Coal, Fuel Oil and Wood)**
This is a grant funded program to provide assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a heating crisis and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)
-Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level and available funding.

-Priority is given to Elders, Disabled and Single parents of young children.
-Eligible if someone in the household is receiving SSI benefits or are receiving Food Stamps

***Food Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a dietary/food crisis. Assistance is available in all states.
-Amount of assistance: \$200.00 per year per household; provided in \$50.00 increments.

***Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a housing crisis. Assistance is available in all states.
-Amount of assistance: Equivalent to one month’s rent or mortgage payment; amount not to exceed \$1000.00.

****Home Repair Program**

The Home Repair Program assists home owners who meet the eligibility requirements. The program assists with the repair of substandard roof, electrical, heating, plumbing and weatherization. Assistance is available in all states.
-Amount of assistance: \$6000.00 per household

Well and Septic Program

The Well and Septic is an Indian Health Services (IHS) funded program. This program promotes health and safety for our tribal members by providing new or renovated sanitation facilities (Well and Septic).This program is available in the nine county service areas, there is no income requirement. Applicant must be;
a. Enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
b. Reside in the nine county service areas (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)
c. Home must be the primary residence of applicant – (Reside in year around)
d. Ownership of home/site must be in the tribal member’s name.
e. Project Site meets the I.H.S Eligibility Requirements.

Members Assistance Program Income Requirements

Family Size	150% FPIG	Eligibility is based on 3 months income prior to application
1	\$14,355	\$3,588.75
2	\$19,245	\$4,811.25
3	\$24,134	\$6,033.75
4	\$29,025	\$7,256.25
5	\$33,915	\$8,478.75
6	\$38,805	\$9,701.25
7	\$43,695	\$10,923.75
8	\$48,585	\$12,146.25

Federal Income Guideline provided by: Federal Register Part V. Department of Health and Human Services
Dated February 8, 2005

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER - The Members Assistance Department hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We do not close for lunch hour. Staff is available during the noon lunch hour to accomodate membership schedules. If you need assistance please contact the department at anytime or feel free to stop by during regular office hours.

*Program can be accessed by the Parent or Guardian of a member who has not reached the age of 18 or the legal guardian of a member who has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to require legal guardian over the person and/or affairs, provided that the guardian is not the State of Michigan or other state government.

**Home Repair Eligibility is based on Annual Income, please contact department for income criteria.

Please contact the Members Assistance Department for complete program information and/or to request an application.

Amber Moore – Intake Clerk
Linda Wissner – Intake Clerk
Lee A. Ivinson – Members Assistance Coordinator

Phone: Toll Free 888-723-8288
Fax 231-398-6748

MEMBERS ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT FY2006 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Community Wellbeing and Support Program

The Community Wellbeing and Support Program is created to recognize that all members have health, safety and welfare needs that may not be adequately met through current household resources. The Community Wellbeing and Support Program is intended to be utilized as a resource to develop information related to the needs of the members in order to assist the Tribe in developing programs to assist members.

1	Q. Who is eligible to receive a Community Wellbeing and Support Survey? A. Members enrolled as of January 1 st of the program year are eligible to participate in the survey process.
2	Q. When is the survey mailed to the membership? A. February 1 st of the program year.
3	Q. What is the deadline for returning the survey? A. November 1 st of the program year.
4	Q. When can I mail the survey back to the Members Assistance Department? A. Surveys may be mailed back anytime up to November 1. Surveys must be postmarked received on or before the November 1 st deadline date.
5	Q. Can I drop off, fax or interoffice the survey to the Members Assistance Department? A. No--Surveys must be postmarked received on or before the November 1 st deadline date. Please allow up to 5 days in route mailing time. Please mail the survey.
6	Q. What is the payment amount for the Program? A. Members who will turn 18 and older on or before December 31 st 2006 will receive \$1500.00. Minors 17 and younger on or before December 31 st 2006 will receive \$500.00.
7	Q. Will I have to report the Community Wellbeing and Support funds on my tax return to the IRS? A. Yes, We are required to provide you with a 1099 – Miscellaneous Income reporting form for all combined reportable payments to you that total \$600.00 or more. This is required by the federal tax code and a copy of this
8	Q. What if I you do not wish to receive the funds? A. If the survey is not received by November 1 st it is considered a non response and will not be eligible for payment.

Construction/Trade Workers Needed:

The Tribe is embarking on its second phase of Construction for the Little River Casino Resort effective immediately. Work is underway on an 18 month construction project that will incorporate all Construction trades. At this time we are collecting information so that we can enforce Tribal Preference within the Contracts.

For more information please contact:

Mark Wilson, Special Project Manager
Little River Casino Resort
PO Box 417
2700 Orchard Hwy.
Manistee, MI 49660
231-398-3968
markw@lrcr.com

You must be able to relocate immediately
to begin working in this project.
Construction is estimated to begin in
January 2006.

Maria Skeans
EDGE Coordinator
231-398-3849

Federal DA applauds LRBOI Tribal Police

On December 20th, 2005, the United States District Attorney for Western Michigan pronounced sentence on a person who had committed crimes on the Little River Casino property. LRBOI Tribal Police handled the incident. District Attorney Margaret M. Chiara, in her press statement (*see copy of statement below*), complimented the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Police for their work in this case.

Upon learning the outcome, Ogema Lee Sprague commented that, "I am pleased with the outcome of the case and the positive

fashion in which it was handled by (our) Public Safety officers and the United States Attorney's office. Many people do not realize that our Tribal Police officers are also federal law enforcement officers."

The District Attorney in imposing sentence apologized to Tribal Police Chief (Director) Joseph LaPorte and Tribal Officer, Corporal Janeen Codden, for the perpetrators conduct. The perpetrator is an Emergency Room physician at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Grand Rapids, Michigan – December 20, 2005 – United States Attorney Margaret M. Chiara announced that on December 20, 2005, Dr. Richard A. Scharp Jr., age 37, of Kaleva, Michigan, was sentenced to 30 months probation and six months of electronic monitoring after being convicted of resisting and obstructing a federal law enforcement officer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 111(a)(1), and disorderly person/public intoxication, in violation of state law assimilated under Title 18, United States Code, Section 13. Scharp was found guilty of the charges following a jury trial in September 2005.

Dr. Scharp is an emergency room physician at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee, Michigan. The offenses occurred at the Little River Casino and Resort in Manistee County, Michigan, on January 30, 2005. In imposing sentence, United States Magistrate Judge Ellen S. Carmody apologized to Tribal Police Chief Joseph LaPorte and Corporal Janeen Codden for

Dr. Scharp's conduct. The judge also noted that Dr. Scharp had violated his bond restrictions pending trial, including traveling out of state and drinking alcohol, and she imposed a \$15,000 fine as part of her sentence.

Ms. Chiara expressed her appreciation and support for the efforts of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Police in the investigation of this case. Assistant United States Attorney Jeff Davis prosecuted this case on behalf of the United States of America.

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Western District of Michigan
Press Release



Contact:
Assistant U.S. Attorney
Joan E. Meyer
(616) 456-2404

"T.E.A.M. Concept Training Seminar" Total Effective Asset Management

This was a 5-day action packed, no holds barred training that allowed the "Tribal" TEAM (LRCR Management, Gaming Commission, and Public Safety) to come together and work as one. Barron Stringfellow from Phoenix Rising Unlimited brought with him his years of knowledge and experience dealing with Surveillance, Security, Tribal Council, Public Safety, and Commission.

The biggest area that was concentrated on was that of working together as a team. Too often the various departments see the Government/Operation wall that is built up and refuse to see past it. Barron centered his training on tearing down that wall to work together effectively.

Some of the other areas that were covered in this training were:

1. Understanding Casino Vulnerabilities
2. Discussion of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act & Minimum Internal Controls
3. Organized Crime and Gaming
4. Principles of Surveillance
5. Casino Scams- Front and Back

Barron was brought in by the LRBOI Gaming Commission to offer his training to their department. By working together

as a TEAM, Kelly Maser, Director of the Gaming Commission, in turn offered it to several departments within the casino including Upper Management. It was exciting to see the Directors take such an active role and involvement within this training. I would like to send my thanks and gratitude to the Commission team for the invitation to this training as well as the incredible food (thank you F&B staff). Personally I walked away with some valuable tools and processes that will be utilized immediately.

Jerry Loeffler, LRCR
Security Performance Specialist

Government and Casino employees help one of their own

The spirit of caring for our 'tribal' family recently showed through when one of our members who is also a government employee, Joan Burkhart, had a difficult birth. There were bake sales, donations and even a special evening at one of the local (Manistee) restaurants to support she and her husband Geoffrey during this trying time. It was a true loving, caring time for Tribal Members and employees alike to support one of our own.

In a wonderful move, on December 21st, the Tribal Council passed a resolution to allow employees to donate PTO time to this employee. They set up some special

rules so that government employees could donate up to 5 Personal Time Off (PTO) hours thru Jan 15th 2006. This employee will be paid her hourly wage for any time given her by the other employee.

Tribal Attorney Carlos Alvarado and Government employees Laura Verheek and Melanie Ceplina made the arrangements and deserve our thanks for their effort.

One thing that sets the tribal community apart from the outside world is that we recognize and honor the commitment to help our 'tribal' family in rough times. Too bad they don't learn from us!



Baby Katelyn

Job Postings for Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government

Department of Commerce Director

SUMMARY: Primary task will be to develop and implement the four main functions of the Commerce Department for Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Functions to include development of Tribal owned enterprise; Devise Tribal job development programs; administer Small Business Enterprise program and develop and maintain records management system. Perform a variety of tasks as required to fully develop economic opportunities on behalf of the Tribe.

Knowledge and Certification Required:

- Bachelor Degree in Business, Finance, or related field and 8 years specific field experience in business development, entrepreneurial development, job creation, or statistical document management.
- 5 years supervisory/managerial experience in business development, finance or marketing
- Valid drivers license throughout employment
- Demonstrable knowledge of organizational behavior practices

Skills Required:

- Strong computer skills with experience in word processing, databases, and spreadsheets
- Excellent project development, planning, problem solving and management skills
- Highly organized and ability to adapt quickly to change
- Excellent interpersonal communication and teamwork skills
- Excellent presentation and communication skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- A creative and entrepreneurial mindset is expected
- Accurate and detail-oriented

Abilities Required:

- Maintains high leadership qualities and has the ability to manage all types of business situations in a professional manner
- Ability to maintain high confidentiality
- Ability to manage and delegate multiple tasks in a professional manner and ability to consistently meet project timelines
- Ability to manage departmental budget and control labor expenses
- Ability to work cooperatively with all departments
- Ability to maintain a professional demeanor

Associate Legislative Attorney

SUMMARY: This is an entry level, permanent full-time, position which will provide support services to Chief Legislative Counsel and Associate Legislative Attorneys in the nature of legal opinion research, litigation support, contract review, and support for Tribal entities as directed by the Chief Legislative Counsel. The Associate Legislative Attorney will be assigned to provide legal services to commissions or committees of the Tribe subject to review by Chief Legislative Counsel.

Required Qualifications:

- J.D. Degree from accredited law school
- Admitted to practice in Michigan, or other state bar, required to be admitted to Michigan State Bar within one year of employment
- 0-2 years experience

Note:

1. Duties may be focused in particular areas as a matter of project assignment rather than as a function of the job description
2. Employee will be engaged under a four-year employment contract, 30 days notice of termination (at-will), immediate for-cause termination
3. Attorneys are regulated by the Legal Counsel Reform Act of 2005 and Tribal Court Code of Conduct, as well as state licensing bodies. Tribal ordinances and Tribal Court codes are available at www.lrboi.com for review

Applicant must provide copy of state bar admission and transcript of graduation from accredited law school with application.

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Required Qualifications:

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- Admitted to practice in Michigan, or other state bar, required to be admitted to Michigan State Bar within one year of employment
- 5-7 years experience as lead counsel or co-counsel in complex civil litigation (federal or state)

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All individuals interested in the above mentioned positions may contact the Human Resource Department at (231) 723-8288 ext. 6704.

All candidates must submit a completed application along with resume' to the Human Resource Department at 375 River St., Manistee, MI 49660

Warrior Society Rings & Pendants



**For More Information,
Contact Al Medacco
231-398-6720 or
strongbear71@aol.com
or by mail at:
2705 Towline Rd.
Freesoil, MI 49411**

Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday Randy Schults (February 19th)
-Love, mom & family

Happy Birthday Denise Schults (February 20th)
-Love, your sister Jeanie

Happy Birthday Elizabeth (20 years old February 1st)
-Love, mom & family

Happy Birthday Brian Gibson (February 21st)
-Love, your Family

Happy Birthday Mom
- Love you, Jeanie

Happy Birthday Michelle Webster (February 12th)
- Love, Mom and David

Happy Birthday Justin Kopp
- Love, Aunt Yvonne / Nicole & Family

Happy Birthday Bettie Van Patten on your 65th (Jan, 14th)
-Love you, Ken

Happy Birthday "Rome"! (January 28, 2006)
We love you Mom! Happy 2006!
-Love, your daughters, Simone and Monique

From Both Of Us, On Your Birthday

From Your Mom...

Thressa, your birthday brings back tender memories of the precious baby who slept in my arms, of the "big girl" who first went off to school, of the child who grew into a young lady before my eyes... I'll cherish forever my memories of you growing up from one year to another...

From Your Dad...

Your kindhearted ways, your gifts, and your talents have made me as proud as can be, and, just as important, the bond that's between us has always meant so much to me...

From Both of Us...

Together as parents, we feel very fortunate having a daughter like you, And deep in our hearts, we both love you and wish you the best every day your whole life through.

Happy 13th Birthday (February 18,2006)
With All Our Love, Mom & Dad



From Both Of Us, On Your Birthday

Samantha, having a daughter like you makes being a parent especially rewarding. For you are at a wonderful time in your life -- a time of dreams and new beginnings -- and the promise of your future unfolding is an exciting thing to watch...

And as you celebrate your birthday and come into your own, as you learn and grow and try new things, remember that you always have the love and support of family behind you. For you are the kind of daughter any parent would be glad to have, the kind of young woman who is always there to help and support others...

And if happiness is gained by a willingness to work hard and a warm, caring attitude, then the world holds endless possibility for someone like you.

Happy 14th Birthday, Honey (January 19,2006)
With All Our Love, Mom & Dad



Ginny Gaye's name at birth was Virginia Gaye Medacco, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Medecco in Muskegon, Michigan. Two other sisters became part of the family later.

Her musical talents were on display at the early age of three years old when she won first place three consecutive weeks at a local theatre talent contest.

Back in late 1956, she was appearing each week on the Green Valley Jamboree over WKATO-TV in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Teddy Wilburn was said to have given her encouragement in her early career endeavors.

Credits and Sources

Cowboy Songs No. 50; February 1957;
American Folk Publications, Inc.; Derby, CT

<http://www.hillbilly-music.com/artists/story/index.php?id=14780>

Happy Belated Birthday!

Happy belated birthday Virginia D'Archangel (Herr)
Love,
Steve, Tom, Rob, Tianna, and Nick.

Happy 90th to Bill LaPorte, uncle to Joe & Jim Laporte (December 9th)
-from sister Wilfrieda and Eanid

Happy belated birthday to Joshua Michael McClellan who now is 14.
- Love Mom, Dad, and Little Sister Breanna.

Happy Belated Birthday to aunt Tina
- Love Joshua and Breanna Banana.

Paying Hommage to our Loyal Staff

5 year and 10 year employees

Five Years later they are still going strong:

Bohannon Lani	LaHaye Kenneth
Burger Jessica	Lewis Kareen
Burkhart Joan	Lewis Sandra
Chandler Sandra	Lucas Michelle
Crawford Rose	Magoon Dale
Cross Darling	Raczkowski Terri
Foster Heidi	Renner Sandra
Giltz Alyce	Robles Jr. Robert
Glocheski Katherine	Staff Loretta
House Jo Anne	Trumbell Wayne
Hunt Sheri	Vaquera Tina
Johnson Teresa	Verheek Laura
Johnson-Cook Brandi	Wabsis Salli
Knee Mark	Wilson Jeremy

Ten Years of Great Service and Hard work:

Tammy Carter
Denise Lewis

And on Contract for the
Tribal Council for Five Years:

Jo Anne House

Announcements



In Loving Memory...

Rose Antoniette Shalifoe

Odawa/Ojibwe

June 14 1916 - February 13 2005

Known to many as, "Gramma Rose", is dearly missed and remembered for her strength, courage, and sense of humor. Her legacy is that she taught her family and friends the importance and pride of living the Anishinaabek Bimaadiziwin.

Please join our family for an all night "Memorial" service to be held on February 18, 2006 at the home of her daughter, Stella Gibson;

*4280 E Buchanan
Shelby, MI. 49660*

 **Michigan Anishnaabek**

Electronic Resource Center

This website was created by Michigan State University Extension in order to provide electronic information to the American Indian communities situated within the State of Michigan and for people and organizations working for the benefit of such communities. We hope that the site is useful for this targeted audience and to other people as well. We welcome feedback on the content and design of this site. Miigwech!

<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/native/>

Little River Currents would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have contributed to the paper by informing us of interesting and reliable information sources like this one. Chi Miigwech!

Christmas 2005 Staff Luncheon



2005 Elders' Christmas Celebration



Employee Christmas Party 2005

